(b) the number of those which are imported and of those which indigenous ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT, OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) It is estimated that since 1985 about 2,05,000 Micro computers. 9200 mini/midi computers and 360 very large computers have been installed by various organisations in the country including Governmental agencies both Union and States, public and private sector;

(b) Department of Electronics has permitted the import of about 600 numbers of Micro Comptuers 800 numbers of mini/midi computers and 310 numbers of large computers, since 198 5.

Import of Equipment for Billing facilities

761. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to import equipments to provide detailed billing facilities in electronic and non-electronic telephone exchanges;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether there have been a number of complaints against billing in telephones; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to redress such complaints?

THE MIINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a p oposal to import equipment to provide detailed billing facilities in non-electronic exchanges of Delhi Telephones.

(b) It is proposed to import Automatic Message Accounting system for non-electronic type exchange from M/s .Alston of U.S.A.

(c) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some complaints of billing have been received but they are not considered abnormal in view of the magnitude of the bills issued as shown below:—

Year	No. of Bills (in thousands)	No. of complaints (in ooo's)	Percentage of complaints over billing
1988-89 . . .	22485	251	1.12%

The following steps have, however, been taken by the Government to avoid such cases:—

(1) All complaints are first examined for clerical errors, and then for technical faults in the internal/ external plant .

(2) Sometimes the telephone line is also kept under special observaiion.

(3) The subscriber's line is also tested *sue moto* whenever any spurt is noticed.

(4) Wherever, the number of calls recorded in the bills under reference is more than 100% of the highest number of calls metered during the 6 billing periods immediately preceding the disputed period the bill is split up, if so requested by the subscriber, and is asked to pay

only the averaage of the said 6 billing periods plus 10% thereof immediately The balance amount is kept in abeyance, till finalization of investigations.

(5) Extensive powers have been delegated to the subordinate units to facilitate decision of such complaints.

(6) All these complaints are mostly settled within two months.

Achievements of Agni Launch

762. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : SHRI MURALIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHABHANDARE :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) what are the broad parameters of achievement with respect to launching of Agni:

(b) to what extent its production is likely to fillup the vacuum in the defence arsenal of India, with specific reference to the country's defence requirements:

(c) by when the other missiles in this series viz,. Akash, Prithvi, etc. are likely to be launched;

(d) what are the specific advantages in the long-run that the country can hope to achieve by launching of these missiles; and

(e) whether any foreign Governments, especially, the U.S. have expressed apprehension about the country's self reliant surge into this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D.L. BAITHA) (a) The Agni launch has achieved all the objectives set for it. The major technological break-throughs achieved are in the fields of multi-stage propulasion closed loop guidance and re-entry structures.

(b) 'AGNI' is only a technology demonstration programme: its production plan has not been drawn up.

(c) PRITHVI, the tactical surface-to-surface missile was successfully flight tested in Feb. 1988. A number of flight trials of TRISHUL, short range surface-to-air missile have already been conducted. Development work on other two missile systems, namely AKASH, the medium range surface-to-air missile,and NAG, the anti tank missile is progressing according to schedule. The conduct of flight trials during the development of missile systems is a continuous process and it is not in national interest to give details of such trials before these are carried out.

(d) The successful completion of the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) will make the country self-reliant in the field of missile technology.

(e) Seven countries including USA have concluded Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), in which guidelines have been formulated to control transfer of equipments and technologies that could contribute to the development by other nations of nuclear capable missiles. The MTCR reflects. the apprehension of these 7 nations regarding global proliferation of ballistic missiles.

Wastage by the Atomic Power Projects

763. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our Power Projects wasted Rs. 565 crores during 1987-88;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and